

# TORREVIEJA NOVEMBER 2012 – APRIL 2013

This winter we had booked an apartment in [Torrevieja](#) in the Alicante region. We had bought tickets on the 29<sup>th</sup> of October, but we both got the flu with cough, so we delayed going to the 4<sup>th</sup> November. Then we were fairly healthy again. We took a taxi to Gardermoen.



This is the morning mood on Gran before we travel.



Soon day.



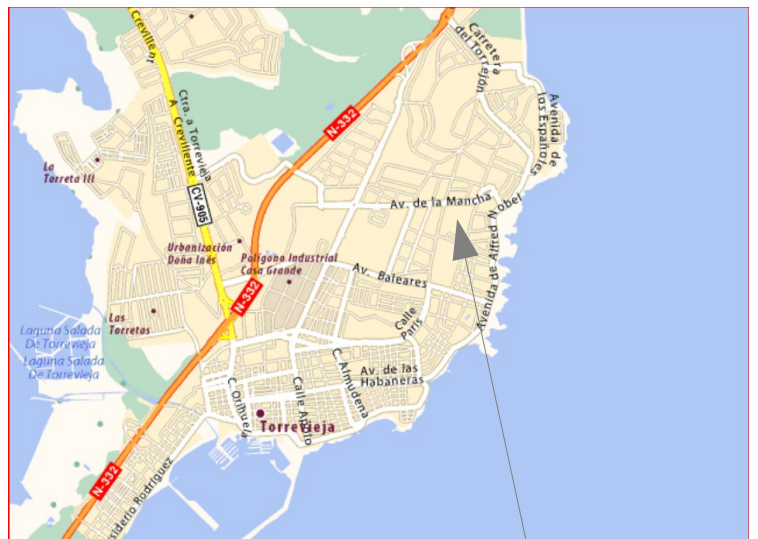
We got snow, and then it was time to go.



Torrevieja lies here.



Torrevieja.



The flat lies here.



We went to [Alicante lufthavn](#) (El Altet). From there we took a taxi. It takes about 40 minutes to drive. Until 1802 [Torrevieja](#) existed only as a work house and an old watchtower, which gave the place its name La torre vieja (which in Spanish means "Old Tower"). In 1803 decided Charles IV of Spain to move the salt production facilities in La Mata to the town itself, and it was built a settlement there.

In 1929, the city was completely destroyed by an earthquake, but the salt production facilities were quickly rebuilt and reopened. In 1931, the city got a financial endowment of King Alfonso XIII. In this period the city developed as a result of increased production of flax, hemp and cotton.



The apartment is on the 2. floor.



The living room.



The balcony.



The roof terrace.



The bedroom.



On site there is also a communal pool.





The kitchen. There are all the needed equipment.



Here we are at the office.



Here we are again. We have quite a long office hours every day.



The view up the street. The apartment is here.



One of the first days we were here, we went for a walk along the beach. Right below where we live there are only rocks. The wind was quite strong that day, and spray high.



Torrevieja has by the way its own flag and coat of arms.





A couple of pictures along the coast.



Here the waves are breaking into foam.



Just before arriving to the center of the town, we come by a headland where there stand some pillars.



The pillars are dedicated to the Mediterranean culture.



Looking back to the headland, Punto del Salaret.





One of the beaches in the town center, Playa del Cura.



Building of sand figures and sand castles is popular.



The statue "[Hombre del Mar](#)", a monument dedicated to the seafarers.



This stretch of the beach promenade is called Paseo de la Libertad.



There is set up stalls on both sides of the passage.



Here we are at a place called Paseo Vista Alegre. These statues, "Homenaje a los Músicos", is set up to honor local musicians.





Still on the Paseo Vista Alegre.  
Kjell is checking the map as usual.



An idyllic restaurant, [Bar la Marina](#), in the harbor.  
It is the oldest bar in Torrevieja.  
It is also on Facebook: [Link](#).



A fountain with benches around.



Here we can see the fountain better.  
It is shaped as a water curtain.



A cathedral, [La Inmaculada Concepción](#), in the town center.  
It was commenced in 1880.



One day we went north from where we live. We went past this "ship" in a small park.





Right beyond lies the old watch tower, [Torre del Moro](#), which has given he name to Torrevieja.



There is a small park around the tower.



Here is the «ship» again.



Out on a headland there is a guy who has put up a lot of fishing rods. It is popular to fish here.



Here we look north along La Mata beach at [La Mata](#). The beach is said to be the longest beach in Spain, and it is over 2 km long.

It was in La Mata that the salt extraction from the salt lakes began in the 1300s.





Another ship with full sails outside a restaurant.



A [great egret](#) is hunting for food.



Here it finds something.



We have a small lunch before we turn around and go back.  
Kjell study the map as usual.



One day when it's quiet, we head south along the cliff coast again. The first time we went there, there were strong winds and big waves, but this time the sea is very calm.

We look north to the headland where the old tower is located.



En group of men who are fishing.





This bay is located right below where we are staying.



Farther out in the same bay.



There are steep cliffs on this stretch.



A seagull taking a rest on a rock.



View towards the northern part of Torrevieja.





On the roof terrace. Kjell has found cigar, crossword, a beer can and cap. It can get pretty hot in the sun, even in the winter.

The view from the rooftop terrace.



Then some pictures of the sunset, taken from the terrace.





One day right after the New Year, we had a visit from cousin Anne Berit's cousin. It was over 25 years since they had met.

We ate lunch together downtown. It was warm in the sun and we were sitting there for several hours.





Anne Berit had a salad which was very good.



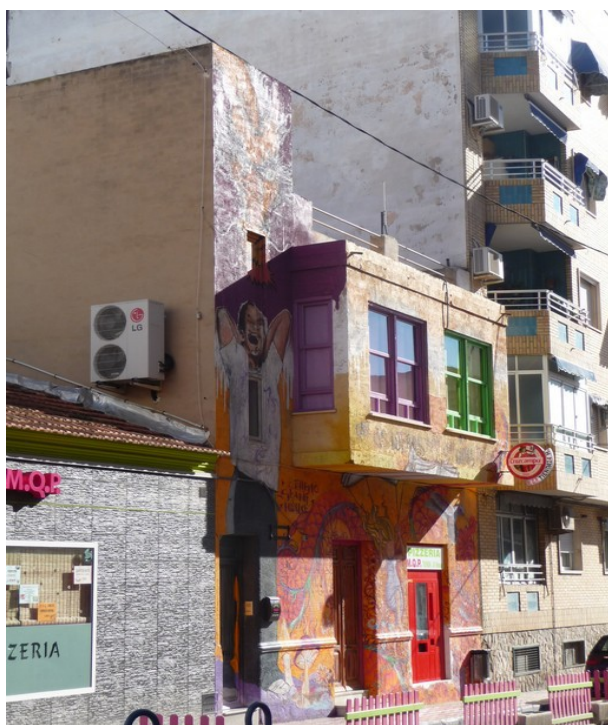
Kjell had a creamy spinach soup which was also very good.



A flower bush across the street.



From the terrace, we see these palms.



A colorful house downtown.





Here we are at the entrance to the park at the northernmost salt lakes of La Mata. Information in the background.  
The park is named [Parque Natural de La Mata y Torrevieja](#).



On the plains towards the sea, there are many vines.



Looking towards La Mata.



To the lake.



We can see the sea in the background behind the vine yards.



Flowers in the sand along the path.





More flowers.



Too early yet. The vines have not begun to sprout.



The canal that runs from the salt sea to La Mata.  
The salt lake in the background



The canal runs through La Mata in the background and  
out into the Mediterranean.





A path leading out to a house where one can spot birds in the lake. The path is shielded on both sides so that the birds shall not be frightened.



When we were there, the birds were out on a small island in the lake. They who would look at them needed binoculars.



The canal runs under the highway, through La Mata and into the Mediterranean Sea.



Here we have reached La Mata.



A large open square. It's called the Embarcadero Plaza de la Sal.







We had some lunch at a restaurant here.



Street sign.



Flowers at the square.



A last photo from the square.



South of Torrevieja was in 2012 opened a major trading center named Zenia Boulevard.





Many streets and shops in the center.



Here we have lunch at one of the restaurants.



The restaurant is called Hollywood. Then it is in order to have a film cassette as menu holder.